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WITH A SHORT

SERIES OF PRAYERS IN SCRIPTURAL LANGUAGE,

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Preface.

THE importance of family prayer is now almost universally acknowledged, and the practice of it has become very general among all classes of society.

The Liturgy of the Church of England, though not unfrequently employed for this purpose, seems hardly applicable to the homely ceremony of family devotion, which, though not strictly private, partakes more of that character than belongs to congregational worship.

The daily repetition of the same form of words in such a case is, moreover, too apt to degenerate into monotony and indifference; and variety, to a certain extent, seems almost, if not absolutely, necessary to engage attention and preserve devotional feeling.

The object of the present publication is to afford such a number of prayers as, without being profuse, may admit of sufficient and convenient change.

It is suggested, as the most simple and useful mode of performing family worship, that a portion, or the whole (as time may permit), of the Second Lesson be read, before using the form of prayer, each morning and evening.

The prayers of the short series, selected from the Book of Psalms, may be used either as separate forms of devotion, or read as prefatory sentences before the daily prayers.

PRAYERS.

SUNDAY MORNING.—1.

"O God, the King of Glory, how excel-
"lent is Thy name in all the earth!
"Thou art exalted far above the heavens.
"Glory, honour, majesty, and dominion,
"be unto Thee, O Lord. Thou art gone
"up on high: Thou hast led captivity
"captive; Thou hast received gifts for us.
"This is the day which the Lord hath
"made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

"O how amiable are Thy dwellings,
"Thou Lord of hosts: our souls have a
"desire, and longing to enter into Thy
"courts, O Lord; to behold the fair

"beauty of the Lord, and to visit Thy
"temple.

"Lord, we have loved the habitation
"of Thine house, and the place where
"Thine honour dwelleth. We will come
"before Thee with thanksgiving, we will
"fall low before Thy footstool. Let thy
"priests be clothed with righteousness,
"and let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.
"Arise, O Lord, unto Thy resting place,
"even unto the ark of Thy strength. As
"for us, we will come into Thine house,
"even upon the multitude of Thy mer-
"cies, and in Thy fear will we worship
"toward Thy holy temple. May the
"glorious majesty of the Lord, our God,
"be upon us. Amen and Amen."

O Lord, God Almighty, who hast mercifully spared us during the past week, and brought us to the beginning of another Sabbath, may we this day devote

ourselves to Thy service, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth. O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise! As Thou hast appointed this day to be a day of rest from bodily labour, may we pass it peaceably and quietly, according to Thy blessed will. May it be to us a day of rest from all worldly cares and anxieties; may it be a season of holy and devout meditation; may we employ it, as Thou hast ordained, in communing with our own hearts, and searching into the secrets of our souls. Enable us, O Lord, diligently to try and examine ourselves by the light of Thy word, that we may repent us truly of our sins past, and with a lively faith in Thy mercy through Christ Jesus, turn to Thee with meekness and contrition.

O Lord, we thank Thee for the opportunities which we enjoy of meeting

together this day in the house of prayer. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight. May we worship in Thy presence with true devotion, and bow ourselves before Thy mercy-seat with reverence and godly fear. May our prayers be offered up from a deep sense of our manifold infirmities; may our confessions be attended with true penitence and godly sorrow for our sins; may our thanksgivings be poured forth with sincere and lively gratitude to Thee, for Thy mercy and loving-kindness towards us. Hear us, O Lord, when we call unto Thee; when we stretch forth our hands unto Thee; and may our supplications find acceptance with Thee, not for our own worthiness, but through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, sanctify us through Thy

truth; Thy Word is truth. Make us to hear and receive Thy Word with meek hearts and due reverence, that it may abide continually within us, and cheer and refresh our souls. Order our steps in Thy Word, and so shall no wickedness have dominion over us. O may the gracious promises of Thy Gospel be our sincere delight, and may we so cherish the seed within our hearts, that it may bring forth good fruit in our life and conduct, and that we may grow in grace, and improve in all virtuous and godly living, and finally may come to Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY MORNING.—2.

"O WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of "holiness, let the whole earth stand in

"awe of Him. O Lord God, hear the
"voice of our prayer. Hearken, O God,
"our Defender. One day in Thy courts
"is better than a thousand. O send
"forth Thy light, and Thy truth, that
"they may lead us, and bring us unto
"Thy Holy hill, and to Thy dwelling;
"and that we may go unto Thine altar,
"O God, Thou God of our salvation, and
"that we may pay Thee our vows in the
"presence of all Thy congregation.

"What return shall we render unto
"Thee, O Lord, for all the mercies that
"Thou hast done unto us. We will re-
"ceive the cup of salvation, and will call
"upon Thy Name, O Lord. We will
"offer unto Thee the sacrifice of thanks-
"giving, and pay Thee our vows in the
"courts of the Lord's house, even in the
"midst of Thee, O Jerusalem, we will
"praise Thy name O Lord. May the
"words of our mouth, and the medita-

"tions of our hearts, be this day, and "alway, acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, "our strength and our Redeemer."

O LORD, God Almighty, we thank Thee for all the blessings of this life, especially for the ordinance of Thy holy Sabbath to be a day of rest from the cares and toils of this world; the opportunity afforded for more diligent attention to the duties which belong to Thy service, and to the things which concern our salvation. O Lord, grant that we may rightly use the religious opportunities which we enjoy. Preserve us from inattention during Thy public worship: in prayer, may we feel our need of the mercies we implore; in the confession of sin, may we be affected with a sense of of our own unworthiness; and in offering up our thanksgivings, may we pour out our whole hearts before Thee. When

we hear Thy Word read, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached, enable us to listen with attentive ears, and to receive Thy truth with honest and pure hearts.

And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to preserve in us a right frame of mind throughout the day that is before us. May we think on our ascended Lord, and put away from us all folly and vanity, as well as vice, and all eager desires after the things of this world; all anger, and passion, and covetous desires, and whatever else is hateful in Thy sight.

We lament that in passing through the week, we have been so much entangled by the temptations and cares of life. We pray Thee now to call our thoughts from all earthly considerations, and to fix them on those unspeakable joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore.

O God, strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and fill our hearts with love to Thee, and fervent charity towards our fellow-creatures. Help us also to repent of our sins, examining carefully our conduct during the week; and thus may we learn to amend our lives, and to run with patience the race set before us.

Make us to go to rest at night, thankful for the opportunities of instruction which we have enjoyed, and for all the blessings of Thy Gospel; and may the peace of God keep us ever in His fear and knowledge, and in the love of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—1.

"O LORD, God Almighty, we thank Thee
"for Thy great goodness to us, especially
"for having protected us during the

"night that is past, and for having
"brought us to behold the light of ano-
"ther day. Our voice shalt Thou hear
"betimes: O Lord, early in the morning
"will we direct our prayer unto Thee,
"and will look up. Oh, let us hear Thy
"loving kindness in the morning, for in
"Thee is our trust! Show Thou us the
"way that we should walk in, for we
"lift up our souls unto Thee. Teach us
"to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for
"Thou art our God: let Thy loving
"Spirit lead us into the paths of peace,
"and of righteousness. Into Thy hands,
"O Lord, we desire to commit our-
"selves this day. Be unto us a defence
"and shield. Turn us, O Lord, and so
"shall we be turned. For, Thou art the
"God that hast no pleasure in wicked-
"ness, neither shall anything that is evil
"dwell before Thee. O Lord, rebuke us
"not in Thine anger, neither chasten us

"in Thy heavy displeasure. Look upon
"our adversity and misery, and forgive
"us all our sin. O remember not the
"offences of our youth, but according to
"Thy mercy think Thou upon us. For
"Thou, Lord, wilt give Thy strength
"unto Thy people; Thou wilt give unto
"Thy servants the blessing of peace."

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we humbly present ourselves before Thee, to adore Thy sovereign majesty, and to praise Thee for Thy goodness, which endureth for ever! Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for Thy fatherly care of us during the night past! we have laid us down and slept, and have risen in safety, for Thou hast sustained us.

O Lord, Thy mercies are new to us every morning; our bodily wants Thou dost abundantly supply; Thou openest Thy hand, and fillest all things living

with plenteousness. We bless Thee, O Lord, for these and all Thy favours vouchsafed to us in this life; but above all, we bless and praise Thee, merciful Father, for Thine infinite love towards us Thine unworthy creatures, in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace which we enjoy here, and for the hope of glory hereafter.

O Lord, open Thou our lips, that our mouths may show forth Thy praise. May we give ourselves up to Thy service, and walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Into Thy hands we desire to commit ourselves this day; be with us in our going out and coming in. May we walk circumspectly in our conduct and conversation. Put Thy fear into our hearts, that we may be kept from sinning against Thee. May we not venture into the

temptations and dangers of the world, trusting in our own strength; but may we ever look up to Thee for wisdom to guide, and for grace to direct us in the way of Thy laws, and in the work of Thy commandments. Enable us, O Lord, to preserve a conscience void of offence, both towards Thee, and towards men, and to show meekness and gentleness of spirit, as becometh the profession of the Gospel. Subdue in us by Thy grace all pride and vanity, all envy, hatred, and malice, and whatever else Thou seest amiss in us; and graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, that we, loving Thee above all things, may study to do Thy will, and to please Thee all the days of our life.

O Lord, grant unto us a proper frame of mind, and an even temper, in whatsoever events it may please Thee may befall us this day. May we not be lifted

up or forget Thee in prosperity, nor murmur against Thee in the hour of trial or adversity; but may we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and do Thou direct our paths! Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and receive these our prayers and supplications, through the merits and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; in whose words we pray, &c.

MORNING.—2.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto
"Thee, O Lord, and to praise Thy name,
"O Thou, most Highest. To tell of Thy
"loving kindness early in the morning,
"and to rejoice in Thy great and marvel-
"lous works! For Thou, Lord, saveth
"our life from destruction: Thou crown-
"est us with mercy and goodness; Thou

"forgivest all our sins, and healest all
"our infirmities; Thou showest us long-
"suffering and compassion, and pourest
"out Thy blessing upon us. For Thy
"salvation is nigh unto them that seek
"Thee, and Thou wilt speak peace unto
"Thy people, and to Thy saints, that
"they turn not again.

"Blessed are all they that dwell with
"Thee, O Lord, for Thou art their light
"and their defence. Thou wilt give
"grace and peace unto Thy people, and
"no good thing wilt Thou withhold from
"them that lead a godly life. O Lord,
"God of hosts, blessed are all they that
"put their trust in Thee!"

O Lord, God Almighty, Thou hast in mercy preserved us during the night past, and brought us in safety to a new day. This day and for ever we desire to live according to Thy laws, and to

walk in the way of Thy commandments. Teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art our God; let Thy loving Spirit lead us into the knowledge and obedience of Thy will. O Lord, let not our days be consumed in vanity, nor our years in sin; but turn our thoughts from the vain things of this life, and fix them on those unspeakable joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore.

We desire, O Lord, to commit ourselves into Thy hands this day; be Thou our Protector and Guide. Prevent us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name.

O Lord, we confess with shame and sorrow, that we are undeserving of the least of Thy mercies; we have not served Thee nor obeyed Thee as we ought to

have done. We have erred and strayed from Thee, like lost sheep, and instead of obeying the precepts of Thy laws, we have followed the evil devices of our own corrupt hearts and affections. O Lord, we beseech Thee, help us, and deliver us for Thy great name's sake! We pray Thy mercy, not for our righteousness, but according to Thy great goodness. We entreat Thy pardon, not for our own merit, but for Thy loving-kindness and compassion towards us. Thou, O Lord, desirest not that we should perish, but rather that we should be converted unto Thee and live. Thou hast given Thine only-begotten Son to be the ransom of our souls, and to make atonement for our guilt. Thou hast promised that whosoever believeth in Him shall not come into condemnation, but shall obtain peace and favour in Thy sight.

O Lord, increase our faith! open Thou the eyes of our understanding, that we may perceive and know the good things Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; and grant that we may this day, and for evermore, walk by faith and not by sight, that finally we may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly inheritance. Raise our hearts, we beseech Thee, above the cares and anxieties of this world, and fix them on heaven and heavenly things; and bestow upon us such a measure of Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that we, being enabled to resist the enemies of our souls, the world, the flesh, and the devil, may fight the good fight of faith, and finally receive that crown of glory, which Thou hast prepared for them that truly love and serve Thee. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, in whose words we pray unto Thee, &c.

MORNING.—3.

"HEAR, O Thou Shepherd of Thy people,
"Thou hast called us to be the sheep
"of Thy pasture. Arise, stir up Thy
"strength, and come and help us. Thou
"that sittest between the cherubims, show
"us the light of Thy countenance, and we
"shall be made whole. Turn Thou us, O
"God, our Saviour, and let Thine anger
"cease from us. O let us live, and we will
"call upon Thy name. For Thou, Lord,
"wilt speak peace unto us, and Thou
"wilt direct our goings in Thy ways!"

"We will set Thee, O God, alway be-
"fore us, for Thou art on our right hand,
"so that we cannot fall. Therefore are
"our hearts glad, and in Thee do we
"rejoice, for Thou wilt show us the path
"of life; in Thy presence there is fulness
"of joy, and at Thy right hand there is
"pleasure for evermore."

O LORD, God Almighty, Thou that makest the outgoings of the morning to praise Thee, we desire this day to present unto Thee our hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us, Thine unworthy servants. Thou, O Lord, hast created all things, and through Thy power do all things continue to subsist. Let the heavens and the earth praise Thee, the sea, and all things that are therein; for Thou art good and gracious, and Thy mercy is over all Thy works! We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for Thy continual care and protection over us, especially for preserving us during the night past, and for bringing us to behold the light of another day. Be with us this day in our going out, and coming in. Sanctify our endeavours to serve and please Thee. Prosper Thou the work of our hands, O Lord; prosper Thou our handy work. Without Thee,

O Lord, we know and feel that we are not able to please Thee. Be present with us this day, and bless all our undertakings. Help us to discharge the duties of our several stations in this life with faithfulness and diligence; and bestow upon us such a measure of health, and other temporal blessings, as Thou seest best and most fitting for us.

But while we pray Thee to bless and uphold us in this life, teach us, O Lord, above all, to be mindful of the great and important concerns of eternity! May we labour, not only for the meat which perisheth, but above all for that which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of God shall give unto them that truly seek Him. May we submit ourselves to the precepts of His Gospel, and make His life the pattern of our conduct and conversation in all things. Bestow upon us such a measure of Thy grace,

that we may be enabled to work the great work of our salvation, and to run with patience the race set before us. May we resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. May we be serious and holy in our outward walk and behaviour; true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. May we carefully improve the talents which Thou hast entrusted to us, and show ourselves good stewards of Thy manifold gifts. And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep us this day and for ever in the knowledge and love of His holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, &c.

MORNING.—4.

"UNTO Thee, O God, do we give thanks,
"yea, unto Thee do we give thanks.
"For, Thou Lord, art always nigh, and
"that do Thy wondrous works declare.
"Thy word, O Lord, is true, converting
"the soul. Thy testimonies are sure, and
"they give wisdom unto the simple. By
"them also are Thy servants taught, and
"in keeping of them there is great reward.

"Great is the peace that they have
"who keep Thy law, and who set Thy
"commandments before them. O Lord,
"show us the light of Thy countenance,
"and teach us Thy statutes. Lord, we
"look for Thy saving health, and our de-
"light is in Thy Word. Our lips shall
"speak of Thy praise, for all Thy com-
"mandments are righteous. O Israel,
"trust thou in the Lord, for with the Lord
"there is mercy, and with Him is plen-

" teous redemption; and He shall redeem
" His people from all their sins."

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we offer unto Thee the just tribute of adoration and praise, for Thou hast of Thy great goodness been pleased to deliver us from the perils of darkness, and hast brought us to the beginning of a new day. Many calamities might have befallen us, but Thou hast in mercy preserved us from all. We desire, O Lord, now again to commit ourselves into Thy hands. Be Thou our Defender and Comforter this day. Direct and guide us in the way wherein we should go. Protect us from all dangers, and cheer our hearts with the light of Thy countenance. O let us hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee is our trust; show Thou us the way we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Make us

in all things this day desirous to please, and fearful to offend Thee. Give us the increase of love, joy, and peace. Teach us to show humbleness of spirit, in lowliness of mind esteeming others better than ourselves. Enable us by Thy grace to put off the old man of sin, and to be renewed in our hearts in righteousness and true holiness. Grant that our outward walk and conduct may prove that we are true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Preserve us, we beseech Thee, from idleness, either in our temporal or spiritual concerns; may we not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Oh, send forth Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead us into the right way, and prosper us in all our undertakings. May we be upright in all our dealings, sober and temperate in our enjoyments, kind and tender-hearted to-

wards our fellow-creatures, forgiving, as we hope, for Christ's sake, to be forgiven of Thee. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant, that in honour preferring one another, we may walk in love, even as Thou, O Lord, hast loved us, and hast of Thy great goodness in Christ Jesus forgiven us our manifold transgressions. Hear us, O Father of mercies, we most humbly beseech Thee! pardon our unworthiness, and accept of these our prayers and supplications, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, &c.

MORNING.—5.

"O Lord, our Governor, how excellent "is Thy name in all the world, Thou that

"hast set Thy glory above the heavens.
"The earth is Thine, and all that is in it;
"the compass of the round world, and all
"that dwell therein. Thou deckest Thy-
"self with light, like as with a garment,
"and spreadest out the heavens like a
"curtain. Thou layest the beams of Thy
"chambers in the waters, and walkest
"upon the wings of the wind. The hea-
"vens are Thine, the earth also is Thine.
"Thou hast laid the foundations of the
"world.

"Lord, what is man, that Thou art
"mindful of him, or the children of men
"that Thou regardest them. Man is a
"thing of nought, his life passeth as a
"shadow, his days are, as it were, a span
"long, and his age is as nothing in respect
"of Thee. Verily, every man living is
"altogether vanity. Oh, spare us a little,
"that we may recover our strength before
"we go hence, and be no more seen."

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, help us to draw nigh unto Thee this morning, and to pour out our hearts before Thee.

O Lord, we are not worthy so much as to lift up our eyes unto Thee! our sins have taken such hold of us, that we are ashamed to approach Thy presence. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

We thank Thee, O merciful God, for Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us. Thou hast spared us when we deserved punishment, and in Thy wrath hast thought upon mercy. Thou hast not withheld Thy Son, even Thine only Son, from us, but given Him to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification. O Lord, in His name we draw nigh unto Thee, not trusting in

our own merits, but in His all-powerful mediation. For His sake, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and grant us Thy salvation.

O Lord, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our transgressions, may obtain of Thee perfect remission and forgiveness. Turn Thou us, O Lord, so shall we be turned. Blot out all our sins, and put away all our misdeeds; give us the comfort of Thy help again, and visit us with Thy salvation.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we desire to commit ourselves this day; continue Thy merciful care and protection over us. Make us diligent and faithful in the discharge of our duties towards Thee, and towards men. Give us a knowledge of Thy blessed will, and strength and power to fulfil the same. Preserve us from the pomps and vanities of the

world, and from the inordinate love of worldly things. Enable us to mortify the deeds of the body, and to live righteously, soberly, and godly, as becometh the profession of the Gospel. May we have grace and strength to resist the enemies of our salvation, and so to live and walk in this life, that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. O Lord, fix our thoughts and desires upon heaven and heavenly things, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may please and obey Thee in will and in deed, and finally, may be made partakers of Thy heavenly inheritance, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—6.

"HAVE mercy upon us, O Lord, after Thy "great goodness, according to the multi-

"tude of Thy mercies do away our offen-
"ces; wash us throughly from our wick-
"edness, and cleanse us from our sin, for
"we acknowledge our faults, and our sin
"is ever before us. Lord, Thou searchest
"the heart; Thou requirest truth in the
"inward parts. There is nothing hidden
"from Thee. Thou shalt cleanse us, O
"Lord, and we shall be clean; Thou shalt
"wash us, and we shall be white as snow.
"Turn Thy face from our sins, and put
"away all our misdeeds; make us clean
"hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit
"within us. Cast us not away from Thy
"presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
"from us; O give us the comfort of Thy
"help again, and lift Thou up the light
"of Thy countenance upon us. Thou
"desirest no sacrifice, else would we give
"it Thee. The sacrifices of God are a
"broken spirit, a broken and a contrite
"heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise."

O LORD GOD, Thou that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee do we lift up our eyes this morning; yea, our eyes, O Lord, wait upon Thee. We look to Thee for every blessing; we depend on Thee for all the necessaries and comforts of life; for Thou, O Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that put their trust in Thee. We thank Thee, O Lord, for Thy goodness and loving-kindness vouchsafed to us from our youth up until now. Through Thee we have been holden up ever since we were born. Thou hast been the Protector of our early years, and Thou art the Defender of our declining days. Lift up, we beseech Thee, the light of Thy countenance upon us this day, that we may enter upon the duties which lie before us with diligence and cheerfulness. Enable us, with true resignation and confidence, to commit ourselves and all

our concerns into Thy hands, that we may bear with patience whatsoever trials it may please Thee to bring upon us, knowing that Thou hast promised that these, and all things shall work together for our good.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the perils and dangers to which we are exposed in this present world. Thou knowest the corrupt inclinations of our hearts, and the evil desires, and unholy affections, which dwell within our breasts. To Thee all our inmost thoughts are open, and nothing secret is concealed from Thy sight. Thou knowest whereof we are made, and remembrest that we are but dust. O Lord, whither can we go from Thy presence, and where can we hide ourselves from Thy sight? for Thou art
t our path, and about our bed, and
ı spiest out all our ways.

, Lord, take us, we beseech Thee,

this day under the shelter of Thine almighty wings. Make us to go in the path of Thy commandments; show Thou us the way that we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Turn away our eyes that they behold not vanity, and quicken Thou us in Thy laws. Thou, O God, hast sent Thine only-begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, and to purchase to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Mortify in us, we beseech Thee, the love of the world and worldly things, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly inheritance. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee. Thou knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; have pity upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness

we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—7.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto
"Thee, O God, and to tell of Thy loving-
"kindness early in the morning; for, we
"have laid us down, and slept, and have
"risen in safety, because Thou hast sus-
"tained us. O Lord, our souls truly wait
"still upon Thee, for of Thee cometh our
"salvation. We will lift up our voice
"unto Thee; give ear Lord, unto our
"prayer. Great are Thy wondrous works,
"O Lord, they are more than we are able
"to express: Thy name is praised from
"the rising up of the sun unto the going
"down thereof. O Lord, who is like unto
"Thee? Thou that hast Thy dwelling so

"high, and yet dost humble Thyself to
"behold the things that are in heaven
"and in earth; Thou, Lord, hast sent
"redemption unto Thy people; Thou hast
"laid help upon One mighty to save.
"Thou hast exalted His dominion above
"the seas, and His throne above all the
"world. He shall deliver the souls of
"them that trust in Him: dear shall their
"blood be in His sight. His name shall
"endure for ever; His name shall remain
"among the posterities, which shall be
"blessed through Him, and all the earth
"shall be filled with the majesty of His
"glory. Amen and amen."

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast brought us to the beginning of another day, we acknowledge Thy continual mercy and loving-kindness, and we praise Thee for Thy goodness, which endureth for ever. O Lord, Thou art our God, early

will we seek Thee; hearken unto the voice of our calling, for unto Thee would we direct our prayer. We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast given us access to Thy presence, and encouraged us to come boldly to the throne of grace. Of ourselves we know that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, for we have sinned and done wickedly; we have departed from Thy precepts and transgressed Thy laws. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Thou hast sent Thy Son into the world to redeem us from the bondage of sin, and to open to us a new and living way, whereby we may approach Thy presence. In His name, therefore, O Lord, we come before Thee this day; we plead His merits; we desire His all-prevailing help. Hear, O Lord, and that soon, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and grant that we may

henceforth and for ever serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name.

Grant us, O Lord, Thy gracious protection throughout the day that is before us. Correct in us whatsoever Thou seest amiss. Take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and too much carefulness for the things of this world. Deliver us from idleness and vanity, and let not the tempter gain the mastery over us, nor cause us to disgrace our Christian profession. Subdue in us by Thy grace all corrupt and sinful desires, and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name all the days of our life.

O Lord, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and so fix our thoughts upon heaven and heavenly things, that forget-

ting the things that are behind, we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, and finally, may come to Thine everlasting kingdom, where we shall dwell with Thee for ever. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—8.

" UNTO Thee do we lift up our eyes, O
" Thou, that dwellest in the heavens;
" yea, our eyes, O Lord, wait upon Thee.
" Thou that keepest us shalt neither
" slumber nor sleep, yea, it is even Thou,
" O Lord, that shalt keep our souls. For
" whoso abideth under the shadow of Thy
" wings, shall be safe from every danger.
" We will not be afraid for any terror by
" night, nor for the arrow that flieth by
" day; of the pestilence that walketh in

"darkness, nor of the arrow that de-
"stroyeth at noonday. There shall no
"evil happen unto us, neither shall any
"plague come nigh our dwelling. For
"Thou shalt give Thine angels charge
"concerning us, to keep us in all Thy
"ways. Because Thou hast set Thy love
"upon us, therefore wilt Thou deliver
"us, yea, Thou wilt be with us in trou-
"ble. Thou wilt bring us to honour;
"with long life wilt Thou satisfy us, and
"wilt show us Thy salvation. Blessed
"be Thou, O Lord, from everlasting to
"everlasting. Amen."

O LORD, God Almighty, we bless Thee that Thou art giving us another day; grant us such assistance that we may improve it diligently, by communing with Thee in our own hearts in meditation and prayer.

Almighty God, who dwellest in the

highest heavens, yet dost vouchsafe to regard the lowest creatures upon earth, we humbly adore Thy Divine Majesty, and with all the powers of our souls and bodies do exalt and praise Thy holy name, for all the mercies and comforts of this life, and for the hope and assurance of a better; for protecting us from the evils and dangers of the night past, and for bringing us safely to a new day. Continue Thy mercy and goodness to us, and as Thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from the death of sin to a life of righteousness.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the evils of this day, and guide our feet in the paths of peace and holiness; and strengthen our resolutions to embrace all opportunities of doing good, and carefully to avoid all those sins which by nature and by habit we are likely to fall into. Make us diligent in all the duties of our call-

ing, and grant that in all the changes of this life, we may entirely submit ourselves to Thy Divine will.

Let Thy blessing be upon our actions, and let Thy wisdom direct our intentions; that so the whole course of our lives and the designs of our hearts may be ordered by Thy governance, and that we may do always that which is rightful in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—9.

"WHO is like unto Thee, O Lord. Thou
"that hast Thy dwelling so high, and
"yet dost humble Thyself to behold the
"things that are in heaven and in earth.
"O Lord, great are Thy marvellous works,
"sought out of all them that have plea-
"sure therein. Thou hast sent redemp-
to Thy people. Thou hast delivered

"our souls from death, our eyes from
"tears, and our feet from falling. Blessed
"are the people, O Lord, that can rejoice
"in Thee; they shall walk in the light
"of Thy countenance. Their delight
"shall be daily in Thy name, and in
"Thy righteousness shall they make their
"boast. For, Thou Lord, art the glory
"of our strength, and in Thy loving kind-
"ness we will lift up our heads. Praised
"be the Lord for evermore. Amen."

O MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, in all humility of soul and body we present ourselves before Thee, acknowledging that we are Thy dependent creatures, and that from Thy bountiful hand we have received many and great blessings. By Thee we have been preserved during the night that is past, and to Thy goodness we ascribe it that we are brought in health and safety to the

beginning of this day. Accept, O Lord, of our unfeigned thanks for all the mercies and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us; and pardon, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, our great unworthiness of what Thou hast done for us. Give us such a sense of Thine infinite love and kindness, as may engage us more and more to love Thee, and make us afraid of doing anything displeasing in Thy sight.

O Lord, vouchsafe to us such a measure of Thy grace and Holy Spirit, as may defend us against the snares and temptations of the world, and enable us to overcome all our corrupt and sinful desires. Withdraw our minds from the love of the world, and fix them on heaven and heavenly things; and give us an entire trust and dependence on Thy Fatherly care and good providence, and a perfect submission to Thy blessed will

in all things. Root out of our hearts all pride and envy, all malice and hatred, and whatever else is contrary to a Christian spirit; and endue us, we beseech Thee, with meekness and humility. Instruct us in all the duties which we owe to Thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. Teach us to act with faithfulness and honesty, and give us such a dread of Thy displeasure, and such a sense of Thy continual presence, as may guard us, by Thy grace, from all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Be with us this day wherever we go, and in whatsoever we do. Preserve us from those sins which are most apt to ensnare us. We desire, O Lord, to leave ourselves and all our concerns in Thy hands, humbly beseeching Thee to take us and all belonging to us under the protection of Thy good providence, and so to bless, direct, and guide us in this

life, that we may at last obtain the eternal salvation of our immortal souls, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we pray, &c.

MORNING.—10.

"HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!
"Heaven and earth are full of the ma-
"jesty of Thy glory! Thou that hearest
"prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.
"Unto Thee, Lord, do we lift up our
"eyes; for whom have we in heaven
"but Thee, and there is none upon the
"earth that we desire in comparison of
"Thee. For Thou, Lord, art full of
"compassion and mercy: long-suffering,
"and of great goodness towards us.
"Thou keepest not Thine anger for
"ever. Thou hast not dealt with us

"according to our sins, neither hast
"Thou rewarded us according to our
"wickedness. As high as the heaven
"is in comparison of the earth, so great
"is Thy mercy, Lord, towards them
"that fear Thee. As wide as the east
"is from the west, so far hast Thou set
"our sins from us. Yea, like as a father
"pitieth his own children, so hast Thou,
"Lord, had compassion upon us. Teach
"us, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
"and we will keep it unto the end.
"Give us understanding, that we may
"know Thy law. For Thou, Lord, wilt
"give Thy blessing unto the righteous,
"and with Thy favourable kindness wilt
"Thou defend us, as with a shield."

O LORD, our heavenly Father, look down from the habitation of Thy holiness upon us, Thine unworthy servants, who are come into Thy presence, to present

before Thee our unfeigned praise for the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for all Thy goodness, especially for the refreshment of the night past; for protecting us from all evil accidents, and for raising us up in health and safety this day. Pardon, O Lord, all the unworthy returns we have made for Thy exceeding kindness and mercy, and vouchsafe to us such a sense of Thine infinite love as may inspire us with more earnest endeavours to serve Thee for the time to come.

O Lord, we acknowledge that we are weak and frail creatures, and that without Thy help we are not able to resist the trials and temptations of this world. But since Thou hast promised to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it, we implore Thy Divine grace, to strengthen our weakness, to help our infirmities,

and so to fortify us, that we may not be tempted above what we are able to bear, nor drawn from our duty to Thee by the enticements of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Root out of our hearts, O Lord, all pride and vanity, all bitterness, envy, and malice; and endue us with that wisdom which is from above, and with that meek and lowly disposition which in Thy sight is of so great a price. Be with us, O Lord, this day in all places, and upon all occasions; direct and guide, sanctify and preserve us. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls. O Lord, give unto us, and all that belong to us, such a measure of health and other temporal blessings as Thou seest best and most fitting for us. But, above all things, give us Thy grace and heavenly favour, that our lives may be holy, and our eternal state happy and glorious

with Thee, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MORNING.—11.

"O LORD, God, Thy mercy endureth "for ever! Hearken unto the voice of "our calling, for unto Thee would we "direct our prayer. If Thou, Lord, "shouldest be extreme to mark what "we have done amiss, Lord, who would "abide it: who would stand in Thy "sight! But there is mercy with Thee, "therefore in the time of our trouble "we will seek Thy face. We call to "remembrance the days of old, and we "will consider the years that are passed: "we will commune with our hearts, and "will search out our spirits. Our souls "are full of heaviness, and our hearts "within us are desolate. Oh, consider

"our complaint, for we are brought very
"low! Bring us out of trouble, and we
"will give thanks unto Thy name. Oh,
"deliver us, and be merciful unto our
"sins, for Thy mercy's sake! Let us
"not be confounded, for our hope is in
"Thee. Thou shalt guide us by Thy
"counsel, and after that Thou shalt
"receive us into glory; for Thou, Lord,
"art our strength, and Thou art our
"portion for ever."

O Lord, God Almighty, we humbly adore Thee, as the Maker of the world, the Author of our being, the Preserver of our life, and the Giver of every good thing. We heartily thank Thee for the rest that we have enjoyed during the night past, that Thou hast preserved us in safety, and raised us up in health this day.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for all Thy

goodness to us, especially for the advantages Thou hast given us, by the instruction and improvement of our minds in the knowledge of Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Grant, O Lord, that the sense of these Thy favours may so deeply affect our hearts, that we may show forth our thankfulness in the whole course of our lives. O Lord, incline us to that which is good; grant that we may be faithful and diligent in the discharge of all the duties of that state of life wherein Thou hast placed us, and teach us to fear and to love Thee above all things, and to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

Take us, O Lord, into Thy protection this day; keep us in health and in safety. Preserve us from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Help us so to govern all our thoughts, words,

and actions, that we may reflect upon them with satisfaction at the close of this day.

O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves, and all that belong to us, unto Thee, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we pray unto Thee, &c.

MORNING.—12.

"Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and "hear us, for we are afflicted and in "misery. Have mercy upon us, for we "are in trouble: our iniquities are like "a sore burthen, too heavy for us to "bear; and there is no health in us, "by reason of our sin. Hear our prayer, "O Lord, and consider our complaint: "hold not Thy peace at our tears. Oh, "let Thy loving kindness be extended "unto us, even as we do put our trust

"in Thee! Oh, let us taste and see how
"gracious the Lord is: how blessed are
"all they that put their trust in Him!
"Thou wilt show us wonderful things,
"O God of our salvation: Thou that
"art the hope of all them that are in
"the ends of the earth, and of them
"that traverse the waves of the broad
"sea. The waters hear Thy voice, the
"waters obey Thee, the waters lift up
"their head; the waves of the sea are
"mighty and rage horribly, but Thou,
"Lord, that dwellest in the heavens,
"art mightier: at Thy word the rage
"thereof ceaseth, and there is a great
"calm.

"Therefore we will give Thee thanks,
"O Lord, without ceasing. Glory, hon-
"our, praise, and dominion, be unto Thee,
"O Lord, world without end. Amen."

O Lord, God Almighty, Thou art the

King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible; Thou art clothed with majesty and honour. Enable us to approach Thee with humility, reverence, and godly fear; remembering that Thou art a Spirit, may we have grace to worship Thee in Spirit and in truth. We come before Thee, O Lord, in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ: hear us for His sake, and answer us according to the multitude of Thy mercies. O Lord, teach and instruct us by Thy Holy Spirit. Sanctify us, that we may serve Thee faithfully and acceptably, and cheerfully devote ourselves to Thee in heart and in soul. Purify our affections, exalt our desires, and let our conversation be in heaven. Give us grace effectually to resist the temptations of all our spiritual adversaries, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast preserved us during the night past, and brought us in safety to the beginning of this day; keep us in the same by Thine almighty power. Enable us with cheerfulness and diligence to discharge the duties which lie before us, and evermore to glorify Thee in this world, as the servants of Jesus Christ. Hear us, O Lord, and accept of these our prayers and thanksgivings, through the merits and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we pray unto Thee, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.—1.

O LORD, God Almighty, Thou art great and greatly to be feared, for Thou art God alone, and beside Thee there is no God; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. We desire to present ourselves before Thee this evening with unfeigned humility, and to bow ourselves in Thy presence with reverence and godly fear. O Lord, we thank Thee for all Thy mercies, especially for the privileges of this, Thy sacred day. May this day ever be to us a day of holy rest and pious meditation. We bless Thee for the opportunities which Thou hast this day given us for the improvement of our souls in the knowledge of Thee, and of Thy blessed will. Thou hast given us the means of grace, and hast set before us the hope of everlasting

glory. Thou hast caused Thy Word to be heard among us, and Thou hast sent unto us the message of Thy Gospel, even the glad tidings of salvation and peace. Grant, O Lord, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may sink deeply into our inmost hearts. May the good seed take root within us, and bring forth much fruit to the glory of Thy name, to the comfort of our souls, and to the credit of our Christian profession.

O Lord, pardon, we pray Thee, whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in our services this day. Forgive us, if we have indulged at any time wandering thoughts, impure desires, worldly affections, or any thing unclean or unholy in Thy sight. Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with us; but for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake do away all our offences, and give us, we beseech Thee, hearts to love

and dread Thee, and diligently to live according to Thy commandments.

O Lord, enlighten our minds more and more with the bright beams of Thy Gospel! May the light of Thy truth discover to our view the dark spots of sin and guilt which lie concealed in the recesses of our souls; may it shine with all its splendour throughout our hearts, and reveal to us more perfectly the love of Christ, and the exceeding riches of His salvation; and may it cast down within us every proud thought and ungodly imagination, and bring us into the knowledge and obedience of Him in all things; that being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, we may live and walk with Thee here on earth, and finally be accounted worthy to enter into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY EVENING.—2.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, and hast promised to give eternal life to those that by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, give us, we humbly beseech Thee, a firm and unshaken faith in these Thy promises, that being fully persuaded of those important truths which Thou hast revealed to us in Thy Gospel, we may make it the great care and concern of our lives to please and to obey Thee in all things; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; and grant that by the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit we may be enabled to continue in the practice of holiness to the end of our days.

O Lord, we return Thee humble and hearty thanks for the special blessings of this Thy sacred day; that we have been admitted to the great privilege of joining in the assembly of public worship, to offer up prayers and praises to Thy Divine Majesty, to hear Thy Word read, and Thy Gospel preached; and that we have had further opportunity of employing ourselves privately in Thy worship, and in the care of our immortal souls. O Lord, we earnestly pray Thee to pardon all the wanderings and disorders of our minds, and whatsoever else Thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Cause Thy Word, which we have heard or read, to abide within our hearts, and to bring forth the fruits of a holy and religious life. Help us, by the use of all the means of grace which Thou hast given us, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ; and grant that, when we shall have ceased to serve and please Thee here on earth, we may continue to be so employed with the spirits of the blessed in heaven. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, in whose words we pray, saying, &c.

EVENING.—1.

O Almighty God, who of Thy tender compassion towards us hast spared us during the past day, we desire this evening to pour out our hearts before Thee, and to present unto Thee the just tribute of adoration and praise. O God, we confess with shame and sorrow that we have neither served Thee nor obeyed Thee as we ought to have done. The pleasures and occupations of the world have too much engaged our thoughts

and affections, and made us careless and negligent in Thy service. We have left undone that which we ought to have done, and we have done that which we ought not to have done. We have been guilty of manifold neglects and omissions of our duty towards Thee, and have not served Thee with that purity of intention, that fervency of spirit, that care, and diligence, and constancy, which alone are acceptable in Thy sight. O Lord, if Thou shouldest deal with us as we have deserved, we could expect nothing from Thee but wrath and punishment. But Thou, O Lord, hast been good and gracious to us, miserable sinners. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Thou hast pitied our infirmities, and hast had compassion upon our weaknesses. We therefore praise Thee, O

God, for these and all Thy wondrous works.

We thank Thee that Thou hast preserved us during this day, and comforted us on every side. Many calamities might have befallen us, but Thou hast in mercy preserved us from all. O God, make us ever more and more sensible of Thy favour and loving-kindness towards us; teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art our God; let Thy loving-kindness and compassion for ever be present with us. Pardon, O Lord, what Thy holy eyes have seen amiss in us this day. For Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. Blot out all our sins, and put away all our misdeeds; and may we retire to rest this night at peace with Thee, through Jesus Christ, and at peace with all our fellow creatures. O Lord, Let Thy Holy Spirit be now and ever our constant

Guardian and Protector. Create in us new hearts, and make an upright spirit within us.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all our relations and friends; take them and us under the shelter of Thine almighty wings; defend us from all perils and dangers; and if we are spared to see the light of another day, may we rise refreshed with sleep, to the discharge of the duties which belong to our several stations, and continue so to serve and please Thee in this life, that in the world to come we may dwell with Thee for ever. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, Our Father, &c.

EVENING.—2.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the prayers of them that ask Thee in Thy Son's name, we draw nigh unto Thee, not trusting in our own merits, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. O Lord, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs which fall from Thy table; we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; but Thou art the same God, whose property is always to have mercy. For Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ's sake, receive, we beseech Thee, our supplications; and though we are tied and bound with the chain of our sins, do Thou stretch forth Thy hand to help us, and bring us from the bondage of iniquity into the glorious liberty of the children of God. O Lord, grant us Thy peace; give us, we beseech Thee, that peace which the world and

the things of the world cannot bestow. Enable us to know and feel that we have obtained peace with Thee and pardon, before we go hence and be no more seen. Make us ever mindful of the shortness of our time here on earth, and grant that we may work the work of our salvation while it is day, knowing that the night is coming, wherein no man can work. May we therefore walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. May we be fervent in spirit, serving Thee in sincerity and truth. Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and grant that neither the world nor the things of the world may tempt us to forget that we are Thy servants; but fixing our hearts upon heaven and heavenly things, may we press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith,

with patience, with humility and meekness, with mortification and self-denial, with charity and perseverance, to the end. O Lord, into Thy hands we commit ourselves this night; take us, we beseech Thee, under Thine almighty protection; defend us from all perils and dangers, and may we lie down in peace and take our rest, assured that Thou art ever nigh to help and succour us. Together with us, take under the shelter of Thine almighty wings all our relations and friends. Comfort those that are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and grant them a happy issue out of all their afflictions. O Lord, lift up, we beseech Thee, the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, Our Father, &c.

EVENING.—3.

WE will lay us down in peace, O Lord, and take our rest, for it is Thou only who makest us to dwell in safety; and into Thy hands we desire to commit ourselves this night, for Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, Thou God of truth. Let our prayer be set forth as incense, and let the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice unto Thee.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down, we beseech Thee, from the throne of Thy majesty, and behold us, Thine unworthy servants, humbly confessing to Thee the sinfulness of our lives past, especially the omissions of our duty to Thee this day, whereby we have so lately offended Thine infinite Majesty, and wounded our own souls. Of these and all other transgressions we earnestly

repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! For Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that for the time to come we may be more careful to please Thee, and more sincerely devoted to Thy service. O Lord, let not our days be consumed in vanity, nor our years in folly and sin; but as Thou hast given us the means of grace and the hope of glory, so grant that we may employ the time which yet remains to us in the work of our salvation, and in striving to enter into that heavenly inheritance which Thou hast promised to all them that diligently seek Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments, that through Thine mighty protection both now and ever,

we may be preserved in body and in soul. Let Thy Fatherly hand be ever over us; let Thy Holy Spirit be ever present with us, and so lead us into the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting salvation. O Lord, we yield Thee humble and hearty thanks, for all Thy goodness vouchsafed to us this day. Thou hast preserved us from evil, and comforted us on every side. Thou hast given us health and strength, food and raiment; Thou hast preserved us in our going out and coming in. Make us, O Lord, ever mindful of these and all Thy blessings towards us; and be Thou pleased to take us this night under Thine almighty protection; give Thy holy angels charge over us, and grant us such refreshing sleep as may enable us to discharge the duties which belong to our several stations in this life; and

when it shall please Thee to take us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in Thine eternal kingdom, through the merits and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, &c.

EVENING.—4

O Lord, God Almighty, Thou art exalted far above the heavens: Thou art clothed with majesty and honour! Enable us to approach Thee with humility, reverence, and godly fear; remembering that Thou art a Spirit, may we have grace to worship Thee in Spirit and in truth. We come before Thee, O Lord, not trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. Cast us not out of Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. O Lord, we

acknowledge unto Thee our transgressions, and our iniquity have we not hid. To Thee all our hearts are open, and all our desires known. Thou understandest our thoughts long before, and spiest out all our ways. Thou has seen whatsoever has been amiss in us this day, and all our most secret intentions have been manifest in Thy sight. O Lord, our sins have taken such hold of us that we are not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of our heads, and our heart hath failed us. But Thou, O Lord, knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust. Enter not into judgment with us, Thy servants, for in Thy sight no man living can be justified; but look upon us according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and grant us Thy salvation. O Lord, Thou hast sent Thy Son into the world, and hast declared that whosoever be-

lieveth in Him shall be saved; for His sake, therefore, we pray Thee, hide Thy face from our iniquities, and forgive whatsoever we have done amiss; and grant that henceforth we may serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name. O Lord, create in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our iniquities may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercies, perfect remission and forgiveness, through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We desire, O Lord, to present unto Thee our unfeigned thanks for Thy mercies this day bestowed upon us. Take us this night under Thine almighty protection; defend us, we beseech Thee, from all dangers which may happen to our bodies, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul.

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the shelter of Thy wings; and grant that when the night of death shall arrive, we may be found in a state of readiness to leave this world, and to enter into Thy heavenly kingdom. Bless, O Lord, all our relations and friends, and be Thou merciful and gracious unto them; and bring us all to that eternal inheritance which Thou hast prepared for Thy faithful people, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words, &c.

EVENING.—5.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, O merciful God, for Thy great goodness in preserving us during the day that is past. Thou hast protected us from all dangers, and comforted us on every side. O Lord, we desire to praise and magnify Thy holy

name, for these and all Thy manifold mercies towards us! We confess that we are not worthy of the least of these Thy favours; we have erred and strayed from Thee like lost sheep; we have in many instances transgressed Thy law and disobeyed Thy commandment; we have been unmindful of our duty towards Thee, and have neglected to do Thy will. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, so do Thou have compassion upon us, and grant us Thy grace, that for the time to come we may be more careful to please Thee, and more sincerely devoted to Thy service.

O Lord God, enable us, we beseech Thee, to do Thy will and to walk in Thy way, remembering always that solemn account which we must one day give; and grant that henceforth we may walk

circumspectly, as those servants who are awaiting their Lord's coming, that we may be prepared and ready for the great account which we must one day give.

O God, feed us, we beseech Thee, with the bread of life. Grant that we may live and walk always by faith in Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and make His life the pattern for our daily conduct and conversation; and do Thou give us a sufficiency of this world's goods, and enable us to live as good stewards of the manifold gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Into Thy hands, O Lord, we desire to commit ourselves this night. Extend to us Thy gracious protection during the hours of darkness, and let Thy watchful care be over us when we lay down our heads to rest. Let Thy blessing, O Lord, be upon us and amongst us. Refresh our bodies with

quiet sleep, and our souls with the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit.

Have pity, O Lord, upon the sick and afflicted; support and strengthen them in all their sufferings, and in Thy good time deliver them from all their afflictions. These and all other blessings, which Thou shalt see expedient to confer upon us, we humbly ask for ourselves and others, in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words, &c.

EVENING.—6.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and in earth, we desire this evening to present unto Thee our unfeigned thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness vouchsafed unto us this day. Thou only

art the Author and Giver of all good things. Our life and health, our food and raiment, and whatsoever portion of happiness has befallen us, Thy bounteous hand has supplied. O God, may we never be unmindful of these Thy favours, nor while we enjoy Thy gifts forget Thee, from whom alone we have received them.

We confess that we are unworthy of Thine infinite goodness, and that we deserve only Thy wrathful indignation, by reason of our transgressions. Our secret sins have been known unto Thee, and from Thee the imaginations of our hearts have not been hid. O Lord, we know and feel assured that if Thou wert to deal with us as we have deserved, we could expect nothing from Thee but wrath and displeasure. But Thou art ready to have pity and compassion on all that truly turn to Thee; and Thou

art not extreme to mark what we have done amiss. O Lord, we know that there is mercy with Thee; we know that Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted unto Thee and live: and that Thou hast sent Thy Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. O Lord, we remember these Thy gracious promises, and take comfort. May we experience more and more the riches of Thy redeeming love. May we know indeed that Thou art a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and of great pity, and ready to pass by the iniquity which we from time to time have committed in Thy sight.

O God, increase our faith; teach us to look more and more unto Jesus, as the uthor and Finisher of our salvation, d raise our thoughts and affections

from this world and worldly things, and fix them on those unspeakable joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore. May we no longer delight in the vain things and pursuits of this life, but may our conversation be in heaven, and our delight in the performance of Thy will. O God, may we walk with Thee, and serve Thee in Spirit and in truth. May our trust be in Thy mercy, and may our hearts be established in Thy laws.

We desire, O Lord, this night to commit ourselves, our souls and bodies, into Thy hands; take us under Thine almighty protection. May we rest in peace and safety, and may we enjoy such refreshing sleep as may prepare us for the duties of the succeeding day. O Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and bless us now and for evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose words we pray unto Thee, saying, &c.

EVENING.—7.

O MOST merciful and gracious God, Thou art infinite in goodness to all that call upon Thee; and Thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Look down upon us, Thy unworthy servants, who are assembled before Thee, acknowledging that Thou art a God greatly to be feared for Thy power and justice, greatly to be loved for Thine infinite goodness, and greatly to be praised for Thy merciful kindness towards us. But as for us, we confess, O Lord, that we are sinful creatures, that we have in many things acted contrary to Thy most holy will, and that we have neither loved Thee, feared Thee, nor obeyed Thee, as we ought to have done. O Lord, if Thou shouldest deal with us as we have

deserved, we could expect nothing from Thee but wrath and displeasure. But O gracious Father, Thou delightest not in the death of a sinner; look down upon us in Thy Son Jesus Christ, and for the sake of His meritorious death and sufferings, pardon our many and great transgressions of Thy holy laws, and grant that we may amend whatsoever we have done amiss, and for the time to come may be more careful to please Thee, and more sincerely devoted to Thy service.

Convince us, O Lord, of the great folly and danger of sin, and make us so afraid of offending Thee, that we may abstain from all appearance of evil, and do nothing but what is pleasing in Thy sight. Let the interest of our immortal souls be our great care and concern; and grant that we may live as becomes the servants of Christ, denying all un-

godliness and worldly lusts, and living righteously, soberly, and godly in this present world.

O Lord, we bless Thee for our creation and preservation, for our health and strength, for all the comforts and conveniences of this life, and for the hope and assurance of a better. We confess that we are unworthy of the least of these Thy favours, but in confidence of Thine infinite goodness, we desire to commend ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that belong to us, to Thy fatherly care and good providence, humbly beseeching Thee to take us this night under Thine almighty protection. Refresh our bodies with rest and sleep, and our souls with the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit; and when it shall please Thee to take us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in Thine eternal kingdom, through the merits and

for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words, &c.

EVENING.—8.

MOST gracious God, Thou art the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth; the Creator, the Preserver, and the Governor of all things. Thou dwellest in that light which no mortal eye can approach, and yet Thou disdainest not to behold the lowest children of men. Look down, we beseech Thee, upon us, Thy unworthy creatures, who are come into Thy presence, adoring Thy majesty, and acknowledging that our dependence is wholly on Thee, who art the Author of our being, and the Foundation of all our hopes. O Lord, we are weak and frail creatures; our nature is corrupt, and prone to offend against Thee. The

pleasures of the world are too apt to engage our affections, and to make us cool and careless in the great and important work of our salvation. We have been guilty of manifold neglects and omissions of our duty, and have not served Thee with that sincerity of heart, that fervency of spirit, that care, and diligence, and constancy which we ought to have done. O Lord, if Thou shouldest deal with us as we have deserved, if Thou shouldest call us to a strict account what could we say unto Thee, or how should we be able to stand in Thy sight? But, O gracious Father, Thou hast revealed Thyself to us as a God merciful and gracious, forgiving the transgressions and iniquities of repentant sinners; remember therefore, we pray Thee, Thy tender mercies, which have been ever of old, and for the sake and through the merits of our Lord and

Saviour, forgive, we humbly pray Thee, all the sins and vanities, the follies and indiscretions, of our lives past.

Enable us, by the assistance of Thy grace, to reform whatsoever Thou seest amiss in the temper and disposition of our minds, or in the actions of our lives, that we may love Thee more and serve Thee better, and do Thy will with greater care and diligence than we yet have done.

O Lord, keep in us a lively sense of our duty towards Thee, and of that great account which we must one day give. Suffer us not to fall into a careless or unthinking state, or to be unmindful of the one thing needful,—the salvation of our immortal souls.

And now, O merciful God, from an humble sense of Thy great goodness, we adore and praise Thy holy name. We bless Thee for our health and strength,

for our food and raiment, for all the comforts and conveniences which we enjoy; for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us, particularly for Thy preservation of us during the day that is past. Give us grace to make a right improvement of these and all Thy blessings; and be Thou pleased this night to take us, and all that belong to us, under Thine almighty protection. Give Thy holy angels charge over us, and grant us such refreshment of soul and body as may enable us to discharge the duties of that state wherein Thou hast placed us. And when Thou shalt be pleased to take us out of this world, grant that we may be found in the number of Thy faithful servants, through the merits and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose words, &c.

EVENING.—9.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, by whose care and protection we have been preserved throughout the day that is past, accept, we pray Thee, the tribute of gratitude which we now desire to present unto Thee, in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for all the comforts and blessings which we have been permitted this day to enjoy. Mercifully forgive whatsoever we have this day committed against Thee, by thought, word, or deed; and may we retire to rest this night at peace with Thee, through Jesus Christ, and at peace with all our fellow creatures.

Take us, O Lord, under Thy protecting care, and graciously defend us during the hours of darkness from all dangers, ghostly and bodily. Keep us ever mind-

ful of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and grant that when the night of death shall arrive, we may be found in a state of readiness to leave this world, and to enter into that rest which is to come; to this end, may the life which we now live be a life of faith in Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and may the whole of our conduct be consistent with our Christian profession. Grant us, O Lord, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, direct us by Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us into glory.

Have mercy upon our relations and friends, keep them while they are in the world from the evils with which it abounds, support them with Thine almighty power, and finally bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom. These and all other blessings which Thou shalt see expedient to confer upon us, we humbly ask in the name and through the mediation of

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we pray, &c.

EVENING.—10.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, as we began so we dseire to end this day, with blessing Thy holy name, and imploring Thy gracious favour. Honour, worship, praise, and thanksgiving, are due, O Lord, unto Thee. We heartily bless Thee that we are of that number whom Thou hast made to serve and to love Thee, and that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us by Thy Son Jesus Christ, and encouraged us in His name to come into Thy presence, and to draw near unto the throne of grace.

O Lord, we humbly thank Thee for Thy care over us, particularly for that good providence which has been over us

during the day that is past; that Thou hast preserved us from the many evils to which we are liable, and hast bestowed upon us so many good things, which we have not deserved.

O Lord, we bewail the great weakness and corruptness of our nature, and the many errors and transgressions of our lives. We pray Thy mercy in the pardon of all our sins, through the merits and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, particularly whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us this day, whether in our thoughts, or words, or deeds. Grant, O Lord, that the sense of our unworthiness may always make us humble, and work in us an unfeigned repentance of all our sins, and may the remembrance of them excite in us a greater care and diligence to serve Thee for the time to come. Strengthen in us by Thy grace every purpose and resolution. Whatso-

ever part of our duty we know not, do Thou teach us; and wherein we have done amiss, help us to do so no more. Teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Help us to live in daily preparation for our great change, keeping our conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men, and grant that we may be always so employed, as we shall wish we had been when we come to die. Take us, O Lord, under Thy protection this night. Preserve us in health and in safety, and grant us that rest which may refresh our bodies, and dispose us to serve Thee cheerfully in body and mind the ensuing day. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

EVENING.—11.

O God, the Father of heaven, we humbly present ourselves before Thee this evening, beseeching Thee to accept our unfeigned thanks for the many mercies and loving-kindnesses which Thou hast bestowed upon us during the past day. Thy mighty arm, O Lord, hath preserved us from all evil; Thy tender care has sustained us in health and strength; Thy watchful providence has supplied us with food and raiment, and continued to us all the comforts and conveniences which we have been permitted to enjoy. O Lord, great and manifold are the wondrous works which Thou hast done to us; if we should endeavour to speak of them, they would be more than we should be able to express. May we never be unmindful of Thine infinite mercies towards us, nor while we par-

take of the abundance of Thy gifts, forget Thee, from whom alone all good things do proceed.

We confess, O Lord, with deep sorrow and contrition, that we are too prone to transgress Thy law, and to wander from the path of our duty to Thee. Many are the evils which we have this day committed, by thought, word, and deed, in Thy sight. Thou hast known the inmost thoughts of our hearts, and all our most secret actions have been naked and open before Thee. O Lord, have mercy upon us; for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all our misdoings. Extend to us Thy pardoning grace, and grant us Thy salvation. Take us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this night under the shelter of Thine almighty wings. As Thou hast been our support during the day that is past, so let our souls rest on Thee during the hours of

darkness. Make us to remember Thee on our bed, and to think on Thee when we are waking; then let us commune with Thee in our hearts, and search out our spirit: for Thou art about our path and about our bed, and when we awake we are present with Thee.

Make us, O Lord, ever mindful of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and teach us to direct our thoughts to that solemn season, when the shades of our declining years shall be stretched around us, and when our eyes shall be closed in the sleep of death. May we live in constant preparation for that great event, that so we may depart this life in peace, and be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

EVENING.—12.

O LORD, our Creator and Governor, Thou art good to all, and Thy tender mercy is over all Thy works. Thou art nigh unto all that call upon Thee, and Thou hearest those who seek Thee in spirit and in truth. O Lord, we acknowledge Thy continual goodness towards us, and we thank Thee for all the favours and benefits which Thou hast conferred upon us. All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord, and we also would laud and magnify Thy holy name. Through Thy tender care we have been preserved during the day that is past, and defended both in body and soul from all evil accidents. If we have been enabled to escape sin, to Thy grace we ascribe the will and the power whereby we have done so; if we have avoided any danger, Thy hand has guided us beyond the reach

thereof. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name be the praise for all the prosperity which has hitherto attended us, and for all the happiness which we have this day enjoyed. Let the sense of these Thy mercies sink deeply into our hearts, and let Thy goodness lead us to repentance.

O Lord, we bow before the throne of Thy majesty, confessing our utter unworthiness of Thy great and boundless love. We have sinned, O Lord, we have done amiss, we have broken Thy righteous laws, and we have transgressed Thy holy commandments; but do Thou, O Lord, hear and receive us for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake. Hide Thy face from our sins, and put away all our misdeeds. Enter not into judgment with us, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. But as Thou hast redeemed us through the precious blood of Christ

our Saviour, so deliver us from the burthen of our guilt, and from the bonds of our iniquity.

Accept, O Lord, we beseech Thee of our prayers and supplications, which we offer unto Thee in Thy Son's name. Defend us during the night from all perils and dangers; watch over us while we rest in sleep, and may we rise to glorify Thee for Thy continual goodness, and to renew unto Thee our vows. Take under Thine almighty protection all our relations and friends. Comfort and support the afflicted and sorrowful; and enable us by Thy grace so to live, that when we come to die we may live with Thee for ever, through the merits and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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